## COMMON COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING CAL BRAND MEETING ROOM SEPTEMBER 10, 2012

Mayor Kristen Brown called a special meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the Cal Brand Meeting Room to hear public comments and information regarding: (1) whether there should be a local smoking ordinance stricter than the State Code, and (2) if a more restrictive local ordinance is proposed, what further restrictions should be considered.

## I. Meeting Called to Order

A. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Brown.

## **II. Other Business**

- A. **Smoking Ban Discussion:** Kelly Benjamin, City Attorney, presented a review of the State's smoking statute and its current exclusions. Kelly indicated there are eleven exceptions to the State statute, including horse racing facilities, riverboats, facilities that operate under gambling licenses, smoke shops or cigar bars, private clubs, bars or taverns, etc. Several members of the audience spoke in favor of a more comprehensive smoking ban. Some suggestions included adding bus stops, transit stations and parks to a local ordinance. Another recommendation was to establish a policy at local events by posting signs rather than implementing a new ordinance. It was agreed this matter would be discussed further at the September 18, 2012 Council meeting.
- B. Next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 6:00 o'clock P.M. in City Hall.
- C. Tim Shuffett moved to adjourn the meeting. Dascal Bunch seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed by a unanimous vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

	Presiding Officer
Attest:	
Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus	